

"We Be Sweethearts"  
From the Missouri School Journal.

"We be sweethearts, bonnie lassie,  
We be sweethearts till we dee?"

Looking up, her face love-lighted,  
"We be sweethearts," answered she.

They were young, the lass and laddie,  
Love had bidden to his feast,  
And their lives were knitted closely  
When the sun was in the East.

"We be sweethearts, bonnie mither,  
We be sweethearts till we dee?"

Looking up, her face love-lighted,  
"We be sweethearts," answered she.

Round them many a lass and laddie,  
Love kept bringing forth his boon,  
And their lives were knitted closer  
When the sun was in the Noon.

"We be sweethearts, bonnie gammer,  
"We be sweethearts till we dee?"

Looking up, her face love-lighted,  
"We be sweethearts," answered she.

Grown and gone each lass and laddie,  
Love brought forth his very best,  
And their lives were knitted closest;  
When the sun was in the West.

—T. Berry Smith, author of  
"Once a Piker Always a Piker."

#### Origin of Monroeism.

While Americans appreciate the bluff, sailorly fashion in which Admiral Beresford expressed himself on the Monroe doctrine, there is small basis of fact for his statement that the momentous pronouncement was first suggested by the British under foreign secretary, Canning, and only acted by President Monroe on that hint.

In the current number of The North American Review, our own Mr. Scruggs, ex-minister to Venezuela, takes issue with Lord Beresford in a way that leaves the Britisher little ground to stand on. Mr. Scruggs traces the idea embodied in the Monroe doctrine to Washington's famous farewell address, delivered in 1796, and the reading of that historic paper will be found to lend much color to this suggestion. He further shows that the political dogma was enunciated by John Quincy Adams, secretary of state under Monroe, long before any correspondence had been had with Canning.

Mr. Scruggs gives the following interesting, and, save to a few intimate students of American history, new account of the circumstances which called the "doctrine" into aggressive being:

There had been an animated controversy between England, Russia and the United States involving title to what was then known as the Northwest Territory, comprehending large portions of what are now Oregon and Alaska. During that controversy the fact was disclosed that both England and Russia considered certain alleged "unoccupied" portions of North and South America as res nullius or "vacant land," open to colonization. This raised an issue of law and fact

which was promptly met by the Monroe administration. John Quincy Adams, then secretary of state, under date of July 2, 1823, addressed an official letter to Benjamin Rush, our minister at London, where, in speaking of the Latin American republics, he said:

"Those independent nations will possess, and the right is inherent to that condition, and their territories, will, of course, be subject to no exclusive right of navigation in their vicinity, or access to them by any foreign nation. A necessary consequence of this will be that the American continents henceforth will no longer be subject to colonization. Occupied by civilized nations they will be accessible to Europeans on that footing alone."

This letter, written presumably by direction of the president was something more than an ordinary "instruction" to the minister for his personal information and guidance. It is intended as a formal notice to the British government, directed through the regular diplomatic channel, that henceforth the American continents were to be considered closed to European colonization; that there were no more unoccupied or "vacant lands" over which European powers might contend for possession; and there is no reason to doubt that Mr. Canning, the British premier, to whom its contents were made known, so understood it.

Fifteen days later—that is to say, on the 17th day of the same month—Mr. Adams orally repeated the substance of the same statement to Baron Turyl, the Russian minister at Washington; and in the course of the interview, he took occasion to add that the United States would "contest Russia's right to any new territorial establishment," on this continent, and "would assume distinctly the principle that the American continents were no longer subjects for any new colonial establishments."

This puts Great Britain in quite a different attitude, and throws a new light on our ancient relations with our traditional friend, Russia.

If the United States, in their infancy, with no army or navy to compare in strength with those of any European power, had the splendid audacity to say "hands off" to both England and Russia at the same time, it does not seem particularly venturesome or heroic on the part of a puissant nation of 80,000,000 souls and 11,000,000 fighting men to reiterate that command to the whole world in this strenuous year of grace and expansion.

The more we know about the Monroe doctrine, the more we swear by it.—Atlanta Constitution.

The Coffeyville Journal relates a kindly incident of which it says, "there was no design in it; it just happened so." A negro preacher, a civil war veteran, was buried there by the Grand Army post. The chaplain of the post could not be present and they asked Mr. J. C. Boyd one of the most respected citizens to conduct the funeral exercises for the post, which he did. Mr. Boyd fought all through the war in the Confederate army.

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#### What Women Are Wearing.

An effective black velvet coat seen in the Century the other day had for trimming a heavy cream lace of the linen torchon variety. It looked well.

A young business woman is wearing a pretty shirt waist of plain blue linen of dark color. The waist is plainly made with stock and tie of the same.

Poplin is a material that is coming once more into vogue. Albatross cloth and nun's veiling seem to be the favorite materials for house for dresses. It is a pity that cashmere and hennetta are not more used. These fabrics make up charmingly.

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There are some people still so many miles behind the times that when a girl earns her own living they look reproachfully at her father.

A woman may be justly indignant when she catches her husband doing wrong, but the episode will finally end in her apologies for catching him at it.—From the Atchison Globe.

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#### Indian Creek.

Too late for last week.

William Carrico is on the sick list.

Maurice Williams closes a very successful term of school at the Gibbs school, southwest of here tomorrow.

A large number of our young people attended the ball at Monroe, Friday night and reported a good time.

Miss Mary Sherlock has gone to Carter, Mo., to spend a couple of weeks with her sister.

Tom Riley is down from Lakenan, visiting his boy friends this week.

Mrs. Kate McNelis came home from Hunnewell Saturday.

Miss Mayme Martin is down from Shelbyna, spending a few weeks with her many friends on the Creek.

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#### Now They're Cuttin' Off the G.

In the Nineteenth Century Magazine it is shown by C. L. Eastlake that important changes are taking place in the pronunciation of English by the English. The clipping of the final "g" was formerly regarded in England as an inexplorable sin, but it has now become the mode, it is stated, to say "mornin'," "puddin'," "huntin'," and the like.

#### A Thought For The Day.

Hated though you be,  
Hate for hate do not return,  
Hatred given accept.  
If for hatred you give hate,  
Then to hating comes no end.  
—From the Japanese.

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